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MURF-GRAMS

I remember a circuit for a filter 'way back when' that was called a CRUD-O-JECT and it worked quite well. However it will not cure the Crud that was on the Clipperton Island frequencies. Not the island operators, the El-Sickos who sit at home sipping an 807 and try to tell the world how it should be done, or pull themselves away from their first love (144 MHz) to show those DXers a thing or two about real QRM. We all know a "qualified" mechanic can give you a case of heart burn; that just because you are a good church go'er doesn't mean that you are a good Christian, and an amateur radio license doesn't guarantee that some of the holders are not "immature".

Bill, W4UNP, suggested that we supply application/stuffers to all stations we give support to. If the DX station will just put an application with each QSL answered, it will be a lot of PR for our organization. Carrying this a step further, you members who are QSL managers, how about taking a moment to include an application with each QSL you answer. Just let Murf know and your supply of applications will be on the way.

GREAT is the best way to describe the Extra Newsletter request. You let us know what you wanted and backed it up with "green stamps". Sooo, John you got the message - lets get the typewriter clicking. (honest Murf, I have the first two pages of the next issue completed) We can always use some extra money to support the Newsletter. If you didn't think about it last time, how about using some of that IRS refund to help out.

Since the last Newsletter, the following stations contributed money, equipment or time to INDEXA. W5IYR, WA9AVN, TG9VT, W7CUS, W3ACE, NA5W, VS6CT, W0JRN, CE3DPD, PY5EG, W2LOG, W4MPY, WB6UBR, AF2C. Newsletter donors. W1ENE, KC9DJ, KB6DSX, W0RHZ, CX7BF, KA5NYL.

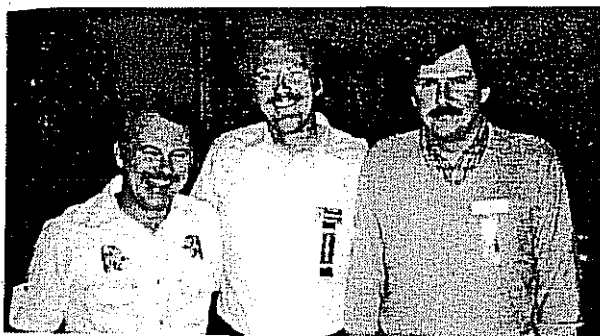
de W4WMQ

On the DXAC news front, ballots are out for voting on the Pribilof Islands, 4U1VIC, credit for contacts on the new WARC bands towards ARRL awards and a change to rule 5(b) to close up some gaps in the present wording. Voting results should be in by early June. Listen to the ARRL broadcast or look to your favorite DX rumor sheet for results.

Where did all the INDEXA equipment go? Swan 1200 amplifier and EX 14 antenna to 5R8AL; TA33 Jr. antenna to T31DB and KH1; D68AM was helped along with a LA1000 amplifier, and a TH2 antenna was sent to TL8GE/ST0. A SWAN 240 was donated to a church for missionary and scout use. Several handbooks, call books and related instructional material has been sent to foreign amateur radio clubs for training. We have on hand two TR4s with amplifiers and antennas for use in 70, 4W, D2, S9 or some other exotic place where the equipment will be put to good use. We also have on hand an incomplete TR4. The placement of this equipment is by a vote of the Board of Directors.

If you had worked each of these amateurs from all of their DX operating locations, you would be well on your way to honor roll and have some of the rarest countries in your log.

L to R, K8CW, WB4ZNH, K1MM



THE UNTOUCHABLE?

It began a long time ago when an Apache AM transmitter mated with an HQ-100 receiver. Bill, my husband, K8SXT to be exact, stuck to those two pieces of communications equipment like glue. His antenna wasn't all that great. I'm five-foot-three, six inches taller than the pole.

In those days, confirming Canada was a thrill and, living in Detroit we could see Windsor from our back yard.

Inventiveness, coupled with engineering, and a few 'rigs' in between, molded into one unit that turned into a Ten-Tec Omni-B for Bill's shack, and the stringbean antenna became a 'Classic-33' some sixteen meters into the wild blue yonder. Three hundred and fourteen countries have been confirmed since Canada.

The point! Amateur radio is a great contributor to shrinking the world, and I, whose only claim to fame has been three letters of the alphabet, XYZ, am contemplating entering that world before it becomes an ink spot.

I admit code terrifies me, especially when I face the fact all my dah-dahs were reserved for our progeny. After more observation, I come to the conclusion theory should not be too difficult. After all I've been espousing a good many for years.

There are certain fundamentals one must overcome before the basics of amateur radio. Don't misunderstand me. I am not underestimating the sincere application necessary to obtain a novice license. They are earned, not donated, of that I am aware.

Nor, am I underestimating the sincere application necessary to invade the sacrosanct area known as the den'cum'shack, housing radio K8SXT.

I must admit, Bill is one of the more 'avid' hams. Not too long ago he suffered a familiar pain in his side. Like that gallant hero, Admiral Farragut who said, "Damn the torpedos", Bill's quote was, "Damn my appendix, I'm on the list!"

The fateful day came when I appraised him of my idea to become a novice. After all, he has an advance ticket, what harm could there be for the addition of a novice.

"It took five years to get a driver's license," he reminded me, putting a protective hand on the SB-220 linear. "Could have made in one if you hadn't helped", I replied caustically. "Woman, you don't have the faintest idea about working split," he shook his head in despair. "No," I agreed. "We never split the work. I do it all." "But I don't have Albania and China is coming up. I'll need all the air time I can get." His tears are about to fall. "Picky, picky. I'm going to have my own operating space right in our bedroom." "You can't! There's not an extra inch of space in there," he protested loudly. "There will be, when you push your bed into the shack," I riposted.

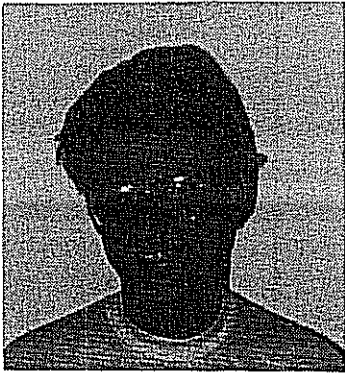
At long last, a small collection of books lay on my desk. The perusal of same will help me to determine if I can confirm Canada at some point in time. Ummm, let's see... page one reads, "obtaining a novice license is relatively easy." Most of my relatives have been difficult, but I press on.

Bill! What does dit dit dit, dah dah dah, dit dit dit, mean?"

"Help!" Bill groans.

Joyce Mathers

SOME OF THE INDEXA GANG

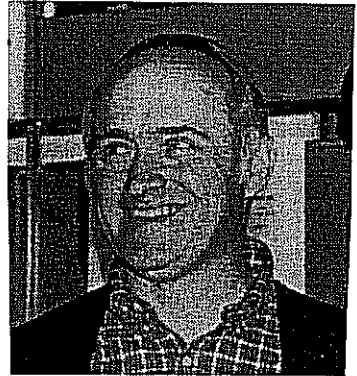


SECRETARY

NK5K, John was licensed in 1979 and is a retired USAF Master Sergeant. His civilian occupation is a Biomedical Services Supervisor for a 500 bed hospital in Ft. Worth, Texas. John is married, has six children, one grandchild and a very tolerant wife, Barbara. John has chalked up 290 plus toward DXCC Honor Roll, 200 plus in the CQ DX program, WAC and WAZ.

TREASURER

Bill got his license in 1951 but didn't start the DX chase until 1979. Once he got organized, he has been ripping into the DX with gusto. Helped along with monobanders on 15, 20 and 40, and half sloper on 80 and 160, Bill has 5 band DXCC, WAZ and 300 in the CQ DX program. Bill is Engineering Manager, Network Facilities for Rock Hill Telephone Co., in South Carolina. He and his wife, Priseilla, have three sons and one grandson. The family should be settled in their new home in the country by now. Open space for the low band DX I suspect.



DIRECTOR



Gary, K4MQG was licensed in 1957 and the DX bug hit him early in his amateur radio career. His achievements reflect it. 347 total, 5 band DXCC, WAS and WAC by 1972 - first North American/USA 5 band WAZ and he hasn't neglected the low bands. 265 on 75 meters. Looks like he could have had some spotter help. Wife Carol is KA4WUR, sons Gary Jr., KA4HVI and Ken is KA4YTI. Gary is QSL manager for 15 DX stations and is the manager for the single letter (W-K-N4) ARRL QSL Bureau. His occupation is Telecommunications Manager for Celanese Fibers Operation.

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EDITORS COMMENTS

KP4AM has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission to authorize A3 and F3 emission on frequencies 7075kHz to 7100 kHz in the Caribbean. The FCC has written a "Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)," and assigned Docket Number 85-104 to this petition. The FCC proposes to amend Section 97.61 to authorize use of the frequency segment 7075 to 7100 kHz by amateur radio stations transmitting from any location other than the 48 contiguous states. FCC licensed stations in the Pacific are presently authorized to use these frequencies. I have no quarrel with this authorization since it is consistent with frequency assignments in ITU Region III. However, the same factors are not operative with regard to FCC licensed stations located in the Caribbean. The arguments which KP4AM uses to support his petition, apply equally to the amateurs in the 48 contiguous states. Specifically excluding amateurs in the 48 contiguous states from using the segment 7075 to 7100 kHz, under the conditions of Docket 85-104 is discriminatory and does those of us living in the 48 contiguous states a great injustice. Cut off date for comments to the FCC on this issue is June 17, 1985. Lets get vocal and let the Commission know how we feel about selectively excluding those of us living in the 48 contiguous states. Either open the segment up to all or disapprove the KP4AM petition. To make it a formal comment, send seven (7) copies of your comment to: Secretary, FCC, 1919 "M" St. NW, Washington, DC, 20554.

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Chit Chat

Mother nature is continuing her drought of sun spots and it looks like another year or so before we see an up swing in the numbers. DX is going from bad to worse on our high bands, but there is still plenty of good rare DX out there to be worked. It's there on 40, 80 and even 160 meters - but, you've got to change your whole philosophy when it comes to chasing the rare ones on these bands. There is no garden variety and they can all be difficult. For the true blue DXer, the next few years provide an excellent opportunity to rise to World Class Status for awards. 5B WAZ (phone & CW)- there arn't many of these around, and there is 5B DXCC and a host of other awards from various radio societies around the world. If you don't have the count on the high bands now, forget about them as there is nothing you can do about it. Concentrate on the low bands and you will have some gems in your hip pocket when the cycle takes an upswing. If you think working 100 on 75 meters is difficult, well it isn't. I have worked over 100 countries since Jan 1, 1985 and have 91 of them confirmed. This was done with a trapped inverted "V", apex at 50 feet, running 500 watts output and I didn't loose a lot of sleep either. I just played the sunrise and sundown game and put in a little extra time during contest. So, stop groaning about conditions and get with it on 40 and 80 meters. See you in the pile-up!

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